

above-noted one first guide, with the other first guide slidably supporting the spacer 83.

As the second electrical equipment 69, which has the spacer 83, is inserted into the first storage location 62, the first connector 79 makes an electrical connection with the above-noted connector 50 on the second electrical equipment 69.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2, 5, 6, and 8 as follows:

2. (Amended) An audio rack according to claim 1, further comprising:
a controller that is disposed in the space at a side of the second storage location within the audio rack that is not occupied by the first and second storage locations; and
a connection unit, which makes an electrical connection between the first electrical equipment in the first storage location and the controller, and an electrical connection between the second electrical equipment in the second storage location and the controller, wherein
the controller controls the first and second electrical equipment via the connection unit.

5. (Amended) An audio rack according to claim 1, further comprising:
a first guide, which is provided on an inner surface of the first storage location, and which guides the insertion of the first electrical equipment into the first storage location, and also establishes the position of the first electrical equipment within the first storage location in the width direction and in the height direction; and
a second guide, which is provided on an inner surface of the second storage location, and which guides the insertion of the second electrical equipment into the

second storage location, and also establishes the position of the second electrical equipment within the second storage location in the width direction and in the height direction.

6. (Amended) An audio rack according to claim 4, further comprising:

- a first guide, which is provided on an inner surface of the first storage location, and which slidably supports the first electrical equipment; and
- a second guide, which is provided on an inner surface of the second storage location, and which slidably supports the second electrical equipment, wherein
 - the first guide guides the insertion of the first electrical equipment into the first storage location, and also establishes the position of the first electrical equipment within the first storage location in the width direction and in the height direction,
 - the second guide guides the insertion of the second electrical equipment into the second storage location, and also establishes the position of the second electrical equipment within the second storage location in the width direction and the height direction,
 - the first connector and the second connector have substantially the same shape, and the distance in the width direction between one of the first guides and the first connector in the width direction is equal to the distance between one of the second guides on the same side thereof as the one guide of the first guides and the second connector, and
 - the distance in the height direction from the one first guide and the first connector can be made equal to the distance in the height direction from the one second guide and the second connector.

8. (Amended) An audio rack according to claim 6, further comprising:
a spacer, which is removably fixed with respect to a third electrical equipment on either the right side or the left side thereof, the third electrical equipment having a width smaller than the width of the first storage location, wherein
when the third electrical equipment, which is provided with the spacer, is inserted into the first storage location, it is slidably supported by the one first guide, with the other first guide slidably supporting the spacer, and further wherein
with the action of inserting the third electrical equipment into the first storage location, an electrical connection is made between the first connector and a connector of the third electrical equipment.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the drawings as set forth in the Request for Approval of Drawing Changes submitted herewith.

REMARKS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/366,722, filed on August 4, 1999. The Applicants have amended the specification and claims to correct minor informalities noted by the Examiner in the parent application and to more clearly define the features of the present invention. No new matter has been entered.

In the Office Action dated June 22, 2001 of the parent application, the Examiner: objected to the specification due to minor informalities; rejected claims 2-4 and 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2nd as being indefinite; rejected claims 1-4 and 10 under 35